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Rieck, Carroll A. (Missoula 1946)

Carroll died December 24, 2016, in Hillsboro, Oregon of cancer. He joined the Marine Corps during WWII at age 17 and took part in the South Pacific Island fighting. Carroll was part of the short-lived Marine Paratrooper unit.

After the war Carroll attended Washington State University majoring in Wildlife Management. He jumped at Missoula during the 1946-47 seasons and broke his back on a fire jump in 1947 that ended his smokejumping career.

Carroll joined the Washington State Dept. of Game in 1953 serving as a biologist and game protector. He worked with sportsman clubs and did public relations work for the department including hosting a TV show called "Wildlife Bulletin." Carroll worked in the wildlife conservation field in Zambia and later, joined the Peace Corps working in Chile as a wildlife expert.

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